

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

A.R.,

Plaintiff,
vs.
Case No. 18-CV-1554

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM, and
MICHAEL BEITZ,

Defendants.

ANSWER

Defendant Michael Beitz (“Beitz”), by his attorneys Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP, responds to plaintiff’s Complaint as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Beitz denies the allegations contained in paragraph no. 1 of plaintiff’s Complaint.
2. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 2 of plaintiff’s Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

3. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 3 of plaintiff's Complaint call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

PARTIES

4. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 4 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

5. Beitz admits the allegations contained in paragraph no. 5 of plaintiff's Complaint.

6. Beitz admits he is an adult resident of the State of Colorado with a business address of 1085 18th Street, UCB 318, Boulder, CO 80309-0318. Beitz denies all other allegations contained in paragraph no. 6 of plaintiff's Complaint.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

7. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 7 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

8. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 8 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

9. Beitz admits the allegations contained in paragraph no. 9 of plaintiff's Complaint.

10. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 10 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

11. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 11 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

12. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 12 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

13. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 13 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

14. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 14 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

15. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 15 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

16. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 16 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

17. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 17 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

18. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 18 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

19. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 19 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

20. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 20 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

21. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 21 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

22. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 22 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

23. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 23 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

24. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 24 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

25. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 25 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

26. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 26 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

27. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 27 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

28. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 28 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

29. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 29 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

30. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 30 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

31. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 31 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

32. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 32 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

33. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 33 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

34. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 34 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

35. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 35 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

36. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 36 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

37. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 37 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

38. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 38 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

39. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 39 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

40. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 40 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

41. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 41 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

42. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 42 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

43. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 43 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

44. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 44 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

45. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 45 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

46. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 46 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

47. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 47 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

48. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 48 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

49. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 49 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

50. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 50 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

51. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 51 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

52. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 52 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

53. Beitz admits the University issued a report on March 11, 2015, however Beitz denies the conclusions and findings of the report contained in paragraph no. 53 of plaintiff's Complaint.

54. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 54 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

55. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 55 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

56. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 56 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

57. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 57 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

58. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 58 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

59. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 59 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

60. Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph no. 60 of plaintiff's Complaint and therefore denies such and puts plaintiff to her proof.

61. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 61 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

62. Beitz denies the allegations in paragraph no. 62 of plaintiff's Complaint and puts plaintiff to her proof.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

63. Beitz incorporates by reference as if fully stated herein all other responses set forth in this answer and to the extent a response is required, Beitz denies any allegations contained in paragraph no. 63 of plaintiff's Complaint.

64. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 64 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof. Further, Beitz denies any sexual harassment allegation.

65. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 65 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof. Further, Beitz denies any sexual harassment allegation.

66. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 66 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

67. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 67 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

68. Beitz incorporates by reference as if fully stated herein all other responses set forth in this answer and to the extent a response is required, Beitz denies any allegations contained in paragraph no. 68 of plaintiff's Complaint.

69. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 69 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

70. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 70 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

71. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 71 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

72. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 72 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

73. Beitz incorporates by reference as if fully stated herein all other responses set forth in this answer and to the extent a response is required, Beitz denies any allegations contained in paragraph no. 73 of plaintiff's Complaint.

74. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 74 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

75. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 75 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

76. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 76 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

77. Beitz incorporates by reference as if fully stated herein all other responses set forth in this answer and to the extent a response is required, Beitz denies any allegations contained in paragraph no. 77 of plaintiff's Complaint.

78. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 78 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz denies lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore and puts plaintiff to her proof. Further, Beitz denies any allegation of retaliatory behavior.

79. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 79 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof. Further, Beitz denies any allegation of retaliatory behavior.

80. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 80 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof. Further, Beitz denies any allegation of retaliatory behavior.

81. Beitz states that the allegations contained in paragraph no. 81 call for a legal conclusion to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is required, Beitz lacks sufficient information in order to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations and therefore denies and puts plaintiff to her proof.

JURY DEMAND

Beitz admits that plaintiff demanded a trial by jury. Further, Beitz demands a trial by jury in this matter. Beitz denies that plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief sought.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. All or portions of plaintiff's complaint must be dismissed to the extent that plaintiff failed to exhaust administrative remedies.
2. Plaintiff failed to mitigate her damages.
3. Plaintiff's claims may be barred by the applicable statutes of limitation.
4. Any relationship that may have existed between plaintiff and Beitz was consensual in nature.
5. Plaintiff's claims may be barred by the equitable doctrines of laches.
6. Plaintiff's claims may be barred by the equitable doctrines of estoppel.
7. At this time, Beitz alleges all affirmative defenses required to be asserted under Fed. Rule Civ. P. 8(c), for the purposes of avoiding waiver of any such defenses as they may later apply. Beitz also reserves the right to assert any affirmative defenses that may become available during the course of future discovery in this lawsuit.

WHEREFORE, Beitz demands judgment dismissing plaintiff's Complaint on the merits with prejudice, and for such other relief as the court deems just and proper, including the award of reasonable attorney fees and expenses.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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